

June 2021



**New England Conference**  
The United Methodist Church

Connected is a publication of the New England Conference of The United Methodist Church. This monthly insert is designed put Conference news directly into the hands of our local church members.

Find more at [www.neumc.org](http://www.neumc.org).

## AC 21 schedule

Those who are not voting members of Annual Conference will be able to follow events via live stream to our YouTube channel: New England Conference UMC.

### Wednesday, June 9

Clergy Session

### Thursday, June 10

9 a.m. Opening Worship/Episcopal Address

*Business Session*

1:30 p.m. Memorial Service

7 p.m. Laity Session

### Friday, June 11

9 a.m. Worship/Laity Address

*Business Session*

1 p.m. Recess

7 p.m. State of the Church Report, Retirement Celebrations, Licensed Local Pastor recognition, Awards

### Saturday, June 12

9 a.m. Opening Worship with the 2021 Ziegler Preacher

*Business Session*

1 p.m. Recess

4 p.m. Commissioning /Ordination

The schedule (which is subject to change) can be found at

[www.neumc.org/agenda](http://www.neumc.org/agenda)



## Annual Conference begins June 10

This year's Annual Conference will take place online from June 10 to 12 with half-day sessions and special afternoon and evening events (See the schedule at right).

### Preparing

You can prepare for the session by reviewing the Pre-Conference Materials. These materials include annual reports from boards and agencies, proposed legislation and the 2022 proposed budget for the Conference.

You can find a free PDF of the Pre-Conference Materials online at [www.neumc.org/preconferencematerials](http://www.neumc.org/preconferencematerials)

Two Pre-Conference Conversations are planned as well one on May 25 on the disaffiliation process and another on May 27 on other legislation and the budget.

You will be able to watch recordings of those events on our website.

[www.neumc.org/news](http://www.neumc.org/news)

### Participating

Those who are not voting members can follow the events via the live stream and reporting on our web-



site at [www.neumc.org/news](http://www.neumc.org/news)

You are also invited to donate to the 2021 AC offerings through our website. Offerings will be taken for:

**Mission of Peace** — a yearly journey of discovery and shalom for HS students.

**Ministerial Call Fund** — supports continuing education grants for clergy.

**Memorial Fund** — honors those who have died since we last met

**Justice in Our Time Fund** — set up by the UM Foundation to support anti-racism work.



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[www.neumc.org/ACsessions](http://www.neumc.org/ACsessions)

## Conference Resource Days

# Mark your calendars ...

These online Conference Resource Day events bring experts to you. Learn more about [www.neumc.org/training](http://www.neumc.org/training)

**Sept. 25, 2021 — Pastor Liz Magill** — hosted by Green Mountain District. Magill is the author of *Five Loaves, Two Fish, Twelve Volunteers* and will talk about growing relational ministries in our communities.

**Nov. 13, 2021 — "Waiting For God"** with Lawrence Jay, executive director of NEAC's Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center.



Learn more about these events and watch for new offerings at [www.neumc.org/training](http://www.neumc.org/training)



## Join the 2022 Holy Land Pilgrimage

Join Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar on a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Feb. 14-24, 2022. Clergy and laity are welcome and encouraged to register! Visit Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Galilee, Cana, Jacob's Well, Nazareth, the Mount of Olives, and more. Prices start at \$3,098 per person.

Learn more about the trip and sign up at [www.neumc.org/holy-land](http://www.neumc.org/holy-land). On that page you will also find a link to stories and photos from the 2020 Holy Land pilgrimage.



Above: The Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. At left: The city of Jerusalem seen from the Mount of Olives.

## Let's Connect

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